Mr. Virupakshaiya.— A sum of Rs. 10,000 is spent for ceremonial purposes. The present expenditure towards roads is more than the amount that is granted by Government. A larger grant might therefore be given.

Dewan.—A resolution of the Municipal Council in the matter may be submitted to Government.

SUBJECT No. 309.

Fixing the proportion of charges to be met by the City Municipality for extra powerful lights.

Messrs. Y. Virupakshaiya, Mahomed Sait, E. Purushothamanadagiri Gosai and P. S. Anantha Rao, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—Many extra powerful lights have been installed in the city of Mysore for ornamental purposes and the Municipality is not capable of meeting the increased charges incurred thereby. A definite amount proportionate to its capacity should be fixed as the Municipal contribution. This is the same case with regard to Bangalore City also.

Dewan.—Government will enquire into this matter.

SUBJECT No. 310.

Fixing a time limit for the acquisition of lands or buildings by the Trust Board for public purposes from date of notification in the Gazette.

Messrs. Y. Virupakshaiya, Mahomed Sait, E. Purushothamanadagiri Gosai, and P. S. Anantha Rao, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—At present there is no limit of time within which the Trust Board may acquire the notified buildings or sites. There is great delay and uncertainty in acquiring the said properties, which cause much inconvenience to the parties. Much injustice is caused by granting the original award after a long period by which time the property will have gone up in value. The parties suffer materially as purchasers hesitate to come forward or, if any do so, their offers will naturally be low.

Dewan.—An order was issued on the subject in July 1922.

Mr. Anantha Rao.—The order fixes 3 months for acquisition proceedings to be completed. A condition should be entered in the acquisition notification itself, that if acquisition is not completed with in a year, sanction should lapse.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 311.

Abolition of the hire on meters kept for water and light in the Mysore City.

Messrs. Y. Virupakshaiya, Mahomed Sait, E. Purushothamanadagiri Gosai and P. S. Anantha Rao, Mysore City Municipality.

Mr. Anantha Rao.—Meters are intended to facilitate the department for gauging the consumption of water and light. Meter charges might be recovered together with the installation charges at the time of the installation itself instead of meter hire being paid monthly. This system works very hard on the tax-payers.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—Meter hire charges are not recovered in Bombay and Calcutta.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao.—These meter hire charges are not recovered from new house builders, but only in the case of others. The total hire paid is out of all proportion to the price of the meter.

Dewan.—In England and America, the system is to pay meter charges also as meters have to be kept in continual repairs.